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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILLIN

1. IN MY CALL ON HIM ON 18 JULY, DEPUTY PREMIER (AND CHAIRMAN STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) KIRILLIN REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE U.S. FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. KIRILLIN ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO CITED THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS AS A MODEL FOR U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS. KIRILLIN WAS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN IN THE LONGER MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION. KIRILLIN BELIEVES THAT HE AND DR. PRESS WILL WORK HARMONIOUSLY TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE COOPERATION.

2. I EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND DR. PRESS HAVE ALL EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN THE U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN MY MEETINGS WITH THEM.

3. KIRILLIN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THERE ARE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE COOPERATION, NOT ALL ACTIVITIES RUN AS WELL AS THEY SHOULD, A REFLECTION OF LACK OF EXPERIENCE ON THE PART
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OF SOME INSTITUTES AND INDIVIDUALS. I CONCURRED THAT THE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES RUN WELL, BUT NOTED NONETHELESS THAT THERE SHOULD BE IMPROVEMENTS IN SELECTED AREAS:
(A) GRANTING OF EXIT VISAS TO U.S. LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES.
KIRILLIN SEEMED UNAWARE THAT FOREIGN EXCHANGEES NEED EXIT VISAS TO DEPART THE U.S.S.R. AND THAT NOT HAVING THE VISA DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION CAN SERIOUSLY DELAY AN EXCHANGEES

DEPARTURE. I STRESSED THAT THE U.S. HAS NO SUCH REQUIREMENT AS AN EXIT VISA. KIRILLIN TERMED IT A "BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEM" WHICH MUST HAVE A SIMPLE SOLUTION, BUT SCST OFFICIAL AYKAZYAN STATED THAT MFA'S CONSULAR DIVISION EARLIER INFORMED SCST THAT THIS QUESTION WAS "ONE OF A SERIES" WHICH MFA MUST SETTLE WITH THE EMBASSY.

(B) RELEASE OF UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION.

I NOTED THAT IN THE U.S., UNPUBLISHED, UNCLASSIFIED RESEARCH DATA ARE READILY PROVIDED TO THE SOVIETS; THE REVERSE IS NOT THE CASE. KIRILLIN TOOK NOTE OF THE PROBLEM, WHICH I SAID HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP REPEATEDLY BY PARTICIPATING U.S. SCIENTISTS.

(C) ACCOMPANIMENT OF U.S. DELS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. HAVING EMBASSY OFFICERS ON DELEGATIONS GIVES US BETTER INFORMATION ON THE CLOSENESS OF THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BEING BUILT, AND THUS SERVES BOTH SIDES. I STRESSED TO KIRILLIN THAT WE MUST BE ABLE TO INCLUDE EMBASSY OFFICERS ON U.S. DELS WHEREVER THEY GO IN THE U.S.S.R., JUST AS WE ALLOW SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY SOVIET DELEGATIONS. KIRILLIN COMMENTED THAT DR. PRESS HAD ALREADY EMPHASIZED THAT POINT AND THAT ALTHOUGH KIRILLIN WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE ASSURANCES, HE "TOOK NOTE" OF OUR PROPOSAL.

4. NORTH STAR. KIRILLIN DISCUSSED HIS MEETINGS WITH THE U.S. CONSORTIUM AND THE CHANCES FOR THIS PROJECT. TWO YEARS AGO THE SOVIETS BELIEVED THAT THE SIX-BILLION-DOLLAR-PLUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT WAS WORTHWHILE, BUT IT HAD FAILED TO GET THE REQUISITE U.S.G. APPROVAL. U.S. COMPANIES NOW BELIEVE THEY CAN SECURE U.S.G. APPROVAL AND INVITED SOVIETS TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT. KIRILLIN SAID THAT SOVIET MUST NOW RE-CALCULATE VALUE OF THE PROJECT IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES IN TWO YEARS IN RESOURCE DEMAND, SUPPLY, AND COST. IN ANY CASE, KIRILLIN BELIEVES THAT WITHOUT U.S.G. APPROVAL THE PROJECT CANNOT SUCCEED.

5. KIRILLIN GRACEFULLY DECLINED MY REQUEST THAT HE EXPLAIN ANY PROBLEMS THE SOVIETS VIEW IN THE BILATERAL COOPERATION, SAYING THAT ON THIS OCCASION I WAS HIS GUEST. I SAID I HOPED TO HAVE HIM TO LUNCH OR SUPPER SOON AT MY RESIDENCE TO DISCUSS THESE. HE NOTED THAT HE WILL NOT TAKE HIS ANNUAL LEAVE UNTIL DECEMBER.
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